

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed is form PTO-1449 listing twenty-eight (28) references that are of record in U.S. patent application No. 10/062,748, filed February 1, 2002, which is the parent of this continuation-in-part application, and is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Copies of the references are not submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

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Respectfully submitted,

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	20	10/062,613	02/01/02	Wang et al. (Claims Section)			
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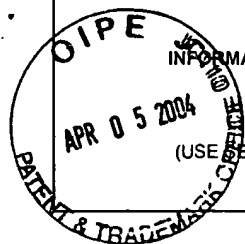
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